



HAMMONDSPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL

Laker Lines

March 2013

Yellow
Bandana
Day



HCS students and staff supported yellow bandana day on Friday, February 28th to show support for fellow student Benjamin Hall in his battle with Cancer. Bandanas were available for a donation and were worn all day in school. Shown in the photo above are students in grades 7-12 and staff who participated.

HCS Mission

The mission of the Hammondspport Central School District, a high-performing unique learning community, is to provide a dynamic, quality education to a close-knit and diverse population, and to ensure that all students are prepared to compete in an ever changing global society by challenging each student through superior, innovative educational opportunities while promoting responsible citizenship through strong character and moral development.

District Objectives

100% of our students will meet their graduation requirements.

100% of school community members will contribute to a safe, secure, student centered environment.

100% of students will meet proficiency with the continued goal of achieving mastery.

100% of the school community will rate the internal/external communications of the district as satisfactory.

Aiming High

News from Hammondspport Central School
District Superintendent *Kyle Bower*

HCS teachers and students continue to work very hard as they adjust to the new expectations of the Common Core Learning Standards in English Language Arts and mathematics. Since the Common Core is NOT a curriculum, the District is finalizing plans for a major curriculum writing initiative which will begin in the summer of 2014. While the State produced modules have provided teachers and students with examples of what the new standards may look like, we believe our educational professionals can create a better curriculum locally. Our goal is to begin the 2014-15 school year with a locally developed framework of lessons, units, and assessments that meet and exceed the rigor of what was produced as modules.

One area where we have heard concerns loud and clear is the need to develop materials in the area of resources for parents. We have many parents that want to help, but were never taught using the methods and strategies that are currently in place. Parent support is critical for the success of any student and we will work hard to make sure parents have the resources and tools they need to provide that support. Ideas of ‘what would help the most’ are always welcome!

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Coursework Coming to Hammondspport

Next year, Hammondspport will be implementing STEM coursework throughout the District in an effort to better prepare our students for the 21st century through the integration of these critical disciplines. The mission of the STEM initiative throughout our region is to “revitalize and refocus attention, interest and understanding of the embedded importance of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) to life-long learning and success”.

The chart below shows the sequence of units that will be presented in STEM grades 3-6. These units are aligned with the Common Core Learning Standards in math and will help reinforce the concepts the students are learning in that discipline as well. We are very excited to be offering this new and exciting opportunity to our students! *(please see additional info. on p. 3)*

Laker Lines is the official newsletter of the Hammondspport Central School District. It is distributed to all District residents. HCS Board of Education members include: James Zimar, President; Frank Curran, Vice President; Richard Drain, Dennis Carlson and Kevin Bennett.

The Board meets the third Wednesday of each month in the Library of the Main Street School.

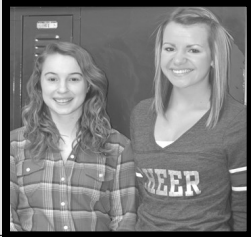
For more school information, visit our school website at: hammondspportcsd.org



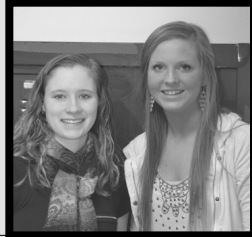
Way to Go, Lakers!

HCS would like to recognize these outstanding winter season athletes on their accomplishments and honors they have earned.

Varsity Boys Basketball 2014 SCHSAA County Champs

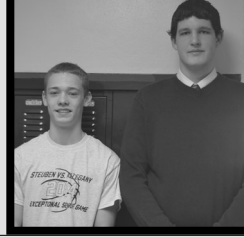


SCHSAA Exceptional Senior Cheerleaders:
Brandi Bailey & Carrington Ellis

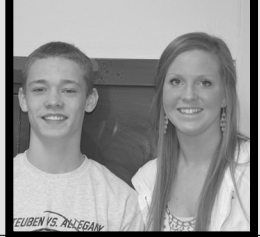


SCHSAA Exceptional Senior Girls Basketball Players:
Korynne House & Lori Gordon

First Team All-League:
Lori Gordon



SCHSAA Exceptional Senior Boys Basketball Players:
Jordan Schuck & Trenton Kolodziejczak



Section V Ronald McDonald All-Star Teams:
Jordan Schuck & Lori Gordon

Yellow 'Ben'-dana Day

On Friday, February 28th, the High School Student Council assisted Mrs. Linda Haley (teacher for the deaf) in holding and promoting a yellow Ben-dana day in order to raise both funds and awareness for the family of HCS ninth grader Benjermin Hall. Ben has battled cancer and complications from his treatments throughout the last year. Students and faculty could purchase a yellow bandana (and other assorted colors as supplies grew limited) for a donation of their choice and wear them all day during school. Participation was so enthusiastic that the initial batch of 100 bandanas were sold out prior to 7:55am, leading to more arriving later on in the day. All monies were given directly to the Hall family to assist them in their travels to and from Golisano Children's Hospital in Rochester for Ben's medical care.

Student Council Pres. & VP Claire Kolodziejczak and Taylin Bower hold one of the posters for the day.



(STEM Charts--cont. from p. 2)

| Grade 3 | Grade 4 | Grade 5 | Grade 6 | |
|---|--|--|--|----------------------------|
| Measurement | Matter and Energy | Mixtures and Solutions | Variables | |
| <i>Engineering Design: Packaging Design</i> | <i>Engineering Design: Rocket Design</i> | Levers and Pulleys | <i>Engineering Design: Lifejacket Design</i> | |
| Water | Magnetism and Electricity | <i>Engineering Design: Trebuchet Challenge</i> | Weather and Water | |
| <i>Engineering Design: Water Wheel</i> | Sun, Moon & Stars | Environments | <i>Engineering Design: Saving the Penguins</i> | |
| Structures of Life | <i>Engineering Design: Moon Lander Challenge</i> | <i>Engineering Design: Habitat Development</i> | Planetary Science | |
| Middle School Life Science | Middle School Physical Science | STEM Regents Chemistry | STEM Forensics | Technology |
| Diversity of Life | Force and Motion | Movie Special Effects Design | Observational Skills | <i>Low Tech Hydraulics</i> |
| Populations and Ecosystems | Earth Systems | Periodic Table Game Development | Fingerprinting | <i>ROV</i> |
| Human Body | Chemical Interactions | Artist as Chemist | DNA Extraction | <i>Vex Robotics</i> |
| | | Chemical Dominoes | Blood Evidence | |
| | | Ideal Toy | Trace Evidence | |
| STEM Regents Earth Science | | Cool Chemistry | | |
| Nanotechnology | | Cookin' Chem | | |

Top Honors for Class of 2014 Announced

Elizabeth Albright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey and Christine Albright of Hammondspport, has been announced as the Valedictorian of the 2014 Senior Class at Hammondspport Central School.

Elizabeth has been active in National Honor Society, Student Council, Chorus, Band, Cross Country, and Track. She has also held several class officer positions during high



2014 Valedictorian
Elizabeth Albright

school and received several honors. Elizabeth is an active member of the Hammondspport United Methodist Church, has volunteered at Camp Good Days and Ira Davenport Memorial Hospital, and has participated in many other community activities/events.

Elizabeth's final college choice is undecided at this time. Her major will be in the pharmaceutical field.

Lori Gordon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard and Kim Gordon of Hammondspport, has been announced as the Salutatorian of the 2014 Senior Class at Hammondspport Central School.

Lori has been active in Student Council, National Honor Society, Basketball (team captain), Volleyball, as well as Track and Field. Her athletic accomplishments include selec-



2014 Salutatorian
Lori Gordon

tion as the 2013 SCAA League MVP for Volleyball, Section V Ronald McDonald All-Star team selection for Basketball, and setting the school record in the 800 meter run in track and field. Lori has also held several class officer positions during high school, and has been involved in numerous volunteer activities, both in school and the community.

Lori will be attending Ohio State University in the fall, majoring in Finance at the Ohio State Fisher College of Business..



Class of 2014 top 10

The remaining members of the top ten from the Senior Class are:

Taylin Bower, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kyle and Jennifer Bower of Penn Yan;
Dalton Mori, son of Ms. Brenda Mori of Hammondspport, and Mr. Robert Mori of Bath;
Sydney Sprague, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott and Kim Sprague of Hammondspport;
Nicolas Peacock, son of Mr. Leigh Peacock of Bath, and Ms. Teresa Snyder of Bath;
Carrington Ellis, daughter of Ms. Colleen Ellis of Hammondspport;
Korynne House, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy and Rhonda House of Hammondspport;
Claudia Eygabroat, daughter of Ms. Sandy Guerin of Hammondspport;
Lauren Farmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Mary Farmer of Hammondspport.

Graduation is scheduled for June 27, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium or outside (weather permitting) at the Hammondspport Central School.



Congratulations
Ryan Graves and Joanna Northrop

on your induction into the National Technical Honor Society.

You've Been Accepted!

Congratulations to the following students for their recent college acceptance notifications.

| <u>Student</u> | <u>College</u> | <u>Scholarship Received</u> |
|----------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Elizabeth Albright | Albany College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences | |
| Luke Peacock | Buffalo State College | |
| | Cazenovia College | |
| Claire Kolodziejczak | Flagler College | |
| Nick Peacock | Champlain College | Trustees Scholarship |
| | Rochester Institute of Technology | |
| Dalton Mori | Clarkson University | Clarkson Scholarship |
| Jordan Schuck | Keuka College | |
| Hannah Ridge | Canisius College | Benefactors Scholarship |



| 2nd Quarter High Honor Roll | | | | 7th Grade | | 8th Grade | | 9th Grade | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 10th Grade | | | | Megan | Allen | Dillan | Conley | Aubrey | Hill |
| Gabriel | Barone | Nigel | Ruise | Tea' | Bendick | Morgan | Hess | Madisen | Jones |
| Helena | Carvajal | Parker | Watson | Colin | Drain | Tyler | Hill | Edda | Martinez |
| Emily | Davis | 11th Grade | | Natalie | Lowin | Caleigh | Hunn | David | Mitchell |
| Gregory | DiTomasso | Alyson | Binnert | Travis | Raab | Katherine | Jakubowski | Corinne | Mori |
| Emily | Eckel | Quentin | Carvajal | Nigel | Ruise | Paige | MacDonald | Graham | O'Donnell |
| Jillian | Farmer | Aaron | Lowin | Parker | Watson | Elissa | Martinez | Jared | Raab |
| Olivia | Fitzwater | Eladio | Martinez Jr. | Alyson | Binnert | Sarah | Miller | George | Ruddy |
| Aaliyah | Foster | Sydney | McGinn | Quentin | Carvajal | Cameron | Roote | 12th Grade | |
| Heaven | Hess | Edward | Murphy IV | Aaron | Lowin | Ann | Szathmary | Elizabeth | Albright |
| Lily | Hopkins | Kelsey | Sack | Eladio | Martinez Jr. | Olivia | Varallo | Brandi | Bailey |
| Katelynn | Hoyt | Ann | Stone | Eladio | Martinez Jr. | Anna | Vogel | Taylin | Bower |
| Victoria | Yahn | Arianna | Turner | Sydney | McGinn | | | Carrington | Ellis |
| | | | | Edward | Murphy IV | | | Claudia | Eygabroat |
| | | | | Kelsey | Sack | | | Lauren | Farmer |
| | | | | Ann | Stone | | | Lori | Gordon |
| | | | | Arianna | Turner | | | Korynne | House |
| | | | | | | | | Claire | Kolodziejczak |
| | | | | | | | | Dalton | Mori |
| | | | | | | | | Sydney | Sprague |

2nd Quarter Honor Roll

| 7th Grade | | 8th Grade | | 10th Grade | | 11th Grade | |
|------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------|
| Javier | Ardon | Luke | Atkinson | Ethan | Bower | Princes | Baliguin |
| Judith | Bramson | Lourenze Carl | Baliguin | Michael | Cranmer | Ashlee | Graham |
| Alex | Davis | Rachael | Derby | Ruger | Cummings | Dominick | Koseba |
| Marilyn | Hawley | Kelsey | Hoyt | Cameron | Drain | Olivia | Makarick |
| Blake | Hess | Robin | Jenkins | Trehana | Hoad | Dalton | Ordway |
| Alliyah | Jensen | Brittany | Storrs | Cameron | Jensen | Ravid | Sananas |
| Io'na | Moore | 9th Grade | | Jami | Long | Morgan | Sincerbox |
| Lucas | Robords | Haley | Finch | Brittany | Morgan | Amanda | Sprague |
| Shelby | Sherman | Benjermin | Hall | Alexis | Salisbury | 12th Grade | |
| Jonah | Wilkinson | Cameron | McConnell | Carter | Watson | Laura | Amez-Droz |
| Noah | Wilkinson | | | Tanessa | Whitney | Ryan | Graves |
| | | | | | | Sonja | Kreuzmair |
| | | | | | | Jay | Ohradzanski |

From the desk of: Tad Rounds, 7-12 Principal

There is a lot to celebrate in this month's Laker Lines. Our Valedictorian Elizabeth Albright and Salutarian Lori Gordon were announced as well as the top 10 in the Class of 2014. Our Boys' Varsity Basketball team won their first county championship since the inception of the tournament. Also, numerous students were selected for All County for both band and choir.

Last year Hammondsport Central Junior/Senior High School was ranked by *US News and World Report* as a "Top High School" in the nation. Our school was ranked 114th within New York State based upon ELA (English Language Arts) and math performance, and AP participation rate. This was the first silver medal awarded to the school despite three consecutive recognitions, because of the increased participation in AP (Advanced Placement) courses. To keep this positive momentum, access to honors courses has been extended to all students whose parents want to exercise the option. Access to college level course work or a skilled trade program prior to graduation from high school needs to be open to all students. The foundation for success in college level work is built in grades K-10 with a challenging curriculum for all with embedded supports.

Please note the number of college level courses currently offered:

AP US History
 AP/ Alfred University Calculus
 AP/ACE Statistics
 CLEP Spanish IV
 ACE Accounting
 AP Spanish V
 ACE English
 ACE Theater

In addition, ACE Economics will be offered in 2014/2015 school year through the Business Department and ACE Biology in the 2015/2016 school year. I recommend that all students and parents exercise the option of enrolling in honors and college level courses.

ELA (English Language Arts) exams for seventh and eighth grade students are on April 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. The math exams will commence on April 30th through May 2nd. We encourage all students to relax, get adequate rest and do their best. Although these exams are not used for retention purposes they will mirror the Regents assessments in later years and the College Board is revamping their SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) to reflect the curriculum taught and assessed in schools.

BOE Highlights

- ◆ Approved the 2014-2015 School Calendar.
 - ◆ Approved the Resolution regarding immediate elimination of the Gap Elimination Adjustment.
- ◆ Approved creation of a combined track and field team under the Hammondsport name with Prattsburgh for the 2014 season.
- ◆ Approved creation of a combined golf team under the Hammondsport name with Prattsburgh for the 2014 season.
 - ◆ Approved Spring coaching positions.

BOE Vacancy

Petitions nominating candidates for the office of Member of the Board of Education, are available at the Hammondsport Central School District

Office beginning **March 14, 2014.**

Petitions must be filed with the District Clerk not later than Monday, **April 21, 2014** at 5:00 P.M.

The following vacancy is to be filled on the Board of Education:

5 year term (Kevin Bennett)

Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the District, must be signed by at least twenty-five qualified voters of the District, must state name and residence of the office and the name of the last incumbent.

CONGRATULATIONS! All County Band Selections:

Sr. High All County Band:

Gregory DiTomasso

Jr. High All County Band:

Tyler Hill

Elissa Martinez

6th Grade All County:

Elizabeth Personius

Gavin Ruddy

Amanda O'Donnell

Area All State Band Selections:

Sr. High Band:

Gregory DiTomasso

Sr. High Orchestra:

Graham O'Donnell



Area All-State Choir:

Jr. High: Tayla
Moore*

Sr. High:

Elizabeth Albright

Emily Davis

David Mitchell

Eladio Martinez



All-County Choir:

Sr. High: Emily Davis

Elizabeth Albright

Alyson Binnert*

David Mitchell

Jared Raab

Graham O'Donnell

Eladio Martinez



Jr. High:

Paige MacDonald

Robin Jenkins

Natalie Lowin

Tayla Moore

Tyler Hill

Travis Raab*



6th Grade:

Amanda O'Donnell

Thomas Kressly

Cierra Cielli

Elizabeth Personius

Analiese Morgan

(*student not pictured)



Meet the New Nurse

HCS is pleased to
welcome

Mrs. Linda Dickinson to
our staff as the new
school nurse. Mrs. Dick-
inson earned her

degree in nursing at Corning Community
College. She was an LPN (Licensed
Practical Nurse) for 37 years before becom-
ing an RN (Registered Nurse). When asked
why she chose nursing as her vocation, Mrs.
Dickinson said, "Because you can do so
much with it: work in a hospital, a medical of-
fice, a school. There are many ways that be-
ing a nurse helps people."

Mrs. Dickinson resides in Hammondsport and
is very excited about her first school nursing
position.

We wish you lots of luck, and welcome to
HCS, Mrs. Dickinson!



HCS sends Two to Scripps Regional Spelling Bee



Hammondsport Central School held their second
annual spelling bee on February 27, 2014.

Hammondsport's Junior High School joined us in

the competition this
year. Tara Sahni,
2nd grade, and
Natalie Lowin, 7th
grade, won the
school wide spelling
bee. Both Tara and
Natalie went on to
the regional spelling
bee at Campbell-
Savona on March
6th.



April/May Calendar Items

APRIL

4/1-3 NYS ELA Assessments
 4/9 BOE Regular Mtg.,
 6pm
 4/11 Marking Period 3 Ends
 4/14-18 Spring Break
 4/21 Marking Period 4
 Begins
 4/25 Spring Pictures
 4/30-5/2 Grades 3-8 MATH NYS
 Assessments

MAY

5/6 School Budget Public
 Hearing
 AP Spanish Exam 8am
 5/7 AP Calculus Exam 8am
 5/8 PreK-12 Early Dismissal
 @ 12:30
 Open Voter Registration
 12-8pm
 5/9 AP Statistics Exam 8am
 5/13 BOE Regular Mtg., 6pm
 5/14 AP US History Exam
 8am
 5/20 Budget/Trustee Vote
 Kindergarten Screening
 8-2

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LEADING LAKERS!

Congratulations to the following PreK-6 students who have recently received the Leading Laker honor!

LEARN: Elizabeth Campbell, Penelope Guerin, Jacob Moon, Caleb Bray, Jacob Rosenbloom, Tara Sahni, Ethen Beers, Stefania Tears, Gabe Stiles, Aliyah Loquasto Snyder, Logan Zimmerman, Eli Hill, Andrew Hill, Gavin Ruddy, Seth Madigan, Randy Travis

ATTITUDE: Autumn Brazie, Nathan Starkweather, Olivia Wheeler, Lillah Morgan, Corrine Ruddy, Lily Morris, Xander White, Luke Szathmary, Jaisek Covell, Cooper Watson, Preston McConnell, Zak Davis, Alley Starkweather, Julia Bennett, Mariah Bray, Charlee Demonstoy

Next time you're in the school, check out the Leading Laker bulletin board in the Elementary Office entrance!

National Youth Art Month Exhibition

March 1 - 31, 2014

Sponsored by the Doris Bovee Foundation

Each March, student art from Chemung, Schuyler, and Steuben counties brightens the walls of our community businesses, libraries, and cultural institutions. This project honors **National Youth Art Month (NYAM)**, a celebration of community and creativity, and a reminder of the immeasurable value of art education.

The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes joins with participating venues, teachers, students and their families to invite you to explore the 2014 NYAM exhibitions from Wayland to Van Etten! Your journey through the exhibits in restaurants, museums, libraries, educational institutions, service providers, and specialty shops will awaken all of your senses and inspire you to celebrate young artists, and perhaps get to some art making of your own! Congratulations to the more than 1,000 participating students. Many thanks for the welcome of forty venues and the significant efforts of over fifty art teachers who make this annual exhibit a success! When we support art education, we support our community by embracing the value of healthy self-expression and creative exploration. Show your support by touring the NYAM exhibits near you. National Youth Art Month is organized locally by The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes and sponsored by the Doris Bovee Foundation. Hammondsport student work is on display at the Glenn Curtiss Museum on Rte. 54 throughout the month. More information on National Youth Art Month can be found at:

<http://www.earts.org/index.asp?pageId=111>

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